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LETTER DATED 3 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Today, Serbian and Montenegrin extremist forces overran the town of Cerska, as well as many surrounding villages, in a new round of expulsions and genocide, and are threatening the region of Srebrenica.

In an attempt to pre-empt humanitarian assistance, the Serbian leadership issued an order that the populations of Cerska and Srebrenica be wiped out or driven out before United States air-drops can save them from starvation. The Serbian forces have now expressly blocked all humanitarian land convoys. In the offensive, the aggressor forces employed heavy artillery, tanks, and ground troops, which were directed at the civilian population in the region. In the last 72 hours, 2,000 innocents have been murdered, and thousands of others forcibly displaced. As the assault on Cerska continues, approximately 40,000 citizens are susceptible to death, whether it be from starvation, exposure, disease or military attack.

These new attacks absolutely threaten the entire peace process and the noble efforts of those who are trying to save the population of Cerska and the rest of Eastern Bosnia. Acting under paragraph 1 of Article 35 of the United Nations Charter, we request an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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